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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, FR, EC

SUBJECT: ENERGY: U.S. VIEWS ON WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 021413

1. ECON/COM MIN MADE DETAILED EXPOSITON OF ADDITIONAL  
U.S. VIEWS ON WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE TO BRUNET, DIRECTOR  
OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MFA. BRUNET LISTENED CAREFULLY AND THEN  
REMARKED, AS HE HAD ON JANUARY 30 (PARIS 2661), THAT UNTIL THE  
GOF HAD MADE ITS DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO ATTEND THE  
CONFERENCE, HE WAS PRECLUDED FROM COMMENTING ON OUR VIEWS  
OR OFFERING ANY VIEWS OF HIS OWN. HE DID LET SLIP THE OBSERVATION  
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HOWEVER, THAT IT SEEMED THAT WHAT WE HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED AS

AN ENERGY CONFERENCE WAS NOW BECOMING A MUCH BROADER CONFERENCE, WHAT WITH THE INCLUSION OF FINANCE MINISTERS.

2. ECON/COM MIN REPLIED THAT IT HAD BEEN CLEAR FROM THE VERY BEGINNING THAT THE ENERGY CRISIS HAD MAJOR REPERCUSSIONS IN THE FIELDS OF ECONOMIC AND MONETARY POLICY. THESE PROBLEMS WERE ALL SO CLOSELY INTERRELATED THAT THEY COULD NOT BE DEALT WITH SEPARATELY AND THAT CONSEQUENTLY THE FRAMEWORK OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WHICH WE WERE TRYING TO ESTABLISH TO DEAL WITH THE ENERGY PROBLEM HAD TO BE CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH ALL THE INTERRELATED ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM. THUS IT WAS ONLY LOGICAL TO INCLUDE FINANCE MINISTERS. BRUNET MADE NO COMMENT ON THIS.

3. DURING A MEETING WITH PIERRE-BROSSOLETTE, DIRECTOR OF TREASURY IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, TREASURY REP WONDERED WHETHER MINISTRY OF FINANCE WAS DOING ANYTHING TO PREPARE FOR POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE. BROSSOLETTE REPLIED THAT HE HAD BEEN TRYING TO ALERT HIS MINISTRY TO THE NECESSITY OF ENSURING THAT, IF FRANCE DID ATTEND THE CONFERENCE, THERE BE SOMEONE ON THE FRENCH DELEGATION WHO HAD SOME UNDERSTANDING OF BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS PROBLEMS BUT THAT HE HAD FAILED TO IGNITE EVEN A FLICKER OF INTEREST.

4. RAYMOND BARRE, FORMER EC VICE PRESIDENT, TOLD ECON/COM MIN THAT HAS BEEN DOING EVERYTHING HE CAN TO PERSUADE THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES THAT THEY MUST ACCEPT THE U.S. INVITATION BECAUSE A GO-IT-ALONE POLICY CAN ONLY LEAD TO DISASTER FOR FRANCE. HE SAID HE HAD FOUND LITTLE SYMPATHY FOR HIS ARGUMENTS AND AT THIS POINT CONSIDERED IT PROBLEMATICAL WHETHER FRANCE WOULD PARTICIPATE OR NOT.

5. COMMENT: THERE IS STILL NO CLEAR INDICATION AS TO WHAT THE GOF DECISION WILL BE.  
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